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THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010, AT 4:00 P.M.

IN ROOM BE5 OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Lankton, Maurice Lockridge (Assistant Chair), Shane Tomblin, Jonathan Cox, Larry Stickler, Karen Mitchell, Liz Murray, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, Aley El-Shazly, Wendy Trzyna, Burnis Morris, Sandra Prunty (Recording Secretary), Muhammad Amjad, Kelly Harlow, Tricia Leonard, Gary McIlvain, Pat Conlon, John Biros, Tracy Christofero, Janet Dozier, James Sottile, Laura Wyant, Keith Beard, Camilla Brammer (Chair), Marty Laubach, Donna Sullivan, Barbara Tarter, Nicholas Kelling, Daniel Holbrook, Jose' Morillo, Paige Muellerleile, Kathleen Bledsoe, Jennifer Sias, Elaine Hardman, Rudy Wang, Pier Paulo Claudio, Terence Patterson, Raj Khanna, Zach Tankersley, Maria Serrat, Jung Han Kim, Elsa Mangiarua, Eldon Larsen, Sandra Stroebel, and Bizu Wubie.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deepak Subedi, Mark Zanter, Susan Jackson, Brian Morgan, Derrick Kolling, Robin O'Keefe, Wael Zatar, Chuck Bailey, Mindy Backus, Genevieve Meyers, Charles Clements, Rita Gandhi, Doug Miles, Piyali Dasgupta, John Jasko, John Wilkinson, Vincent Sollars, Frankie Puckett, Nalini Santanam, Andrew Burck, and Lori Ellison.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Cheryl Brown present.

GUESTS: Susan Welch, David Pittenger, Julio Alves, Robert Bookwalter, Frances Hensley, Gayle Ormiston, Mary Todd, Chuck Somerville, Michael McGuffey, Bill Rosenberger, Jan Fox, Monica Brooks, Steve Hensley, Stephen Kopp, Matt Turner, and Mike Prewitt.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Camilla Brammer called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 23, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dr. Camilla Brammer

- A. Announced a reminder that Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided and cell phones should be set to “silent” mode. To ensure an accurate recording of the meeting, Senators should use the microphones when speaking and are to state their name and department. Also, remember to sign in as attendance is taken and a senator may be removed after three absences in an academic year.
- B. Announced the October meeting schedules: ACF – met October 21, 2010 in Charleston, WV; HEPC – is not scheduled to meet until December 2010; and the MUBOG – met October 21, 2010.
- C. Announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2010 beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.
- D. Announced that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2010 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- E. Solicited a Liaison for the Academic Planning Committee. ***ALEY EL-SHAZLY VOLUNTEERED.***
- F. Solicited Senators to serve on the following faculty award committees: Marshall & Shirley Reynolds – ***KAREN MITCHELL VOLUNTEERED***; Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty – ***THERE WAS NO VOLUNTEER***; and the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award – ***DAN HOLBROOK VOLUNTEERED.***
- G. Distributed the 2010-2011 reference binders to the Senators.
- H. Announced a caution to everyone to be careful when they travel home that evening as it is Trick or Treat in the area and children will be out and about.

3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

SR-10-11-02 LAC: Resolves that the Faculty Senate endorse the attached, West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty Issues for 2011, “Achieving the Future”. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-10-11-04 SCWC: Recommends the addition of the following to the Marshall University 2010-2011 Student Handbook Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Sanctions, section A. Expulsion on page 64 and section B. Suspension on page 65 with new language shown in **bold** font. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

SR-10-11-06 BAPC: Recommends that the University adopt the attached Academic Calendar 2011-2012 and the Academic Calendar 2012-2013. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO SUSPEND THE AGENDA TO BRING AN ITEM FROM THE FLOOR.

SR-00-00-0 SCWC: Recommends that the Marshall University Faculty Senate endorse and support the Marshall University Student Government Association and Graduate Student Council efforts to allow part-time undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to utilize, on a pro-rated basis, the recreation center based on fees already paid. ***WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED.***

MOVED, SECONDED, AND APPROVED TO RETURN TO THE AGENDA.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The liaisons that were present reported to-date on their respective committee; there was no report for the Academic Planning Committee or the Curriculum Committee.

5. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. Stephen Kopp

- A refinancing of the 2001A bonds which provided funds to build the Harless Dining Hall, parking garage and residence halls should proceed the first of November. The university has received ratings from two agencies, Moody's and Fitch; with both giving the university an A+ rating. Due to the current market, there could be a 3% savings on the overall bond issue.
- He expressed gratitude to those who attended the October Campus Conversation where the topic of discussion was the university's budget process.
- There are four issues that he feels need further in-depth conversation to determine what the issues mean, how to proceed, and what the university can do about faculty supplemental pay, faculty release time, promotion increments, and faculty raises/the handling of the raise pool.

6. REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston

- The second Campus Conversation was held yesterday and the topic was related to technology in the classroom. There will be a follow-up in the spring.
- Campus Conversations will move to the college/department level.
- A Campus Conversation session is scheduled on the South Charleston campus in November.
- The preparation of the academic master plan is underway with course rotations and staffing for the 2011-12 year due in March 2011. He would like to prepare a four-year plan.
- He reminded everyone of the Student Resource Center's open house scheduled for tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- He expressed appreciation to those who participated on the P&T Review Ad Hoc Committee and hoped that faculty had attended one of the town hall meetings held this week.

7. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Dr. Larry Stickler

- The Board met in October at the Forensic Science Building and took a tour.

- Dr. Kopp reported on compliance with the Cleary Act; which is available online.
- Dr. Ormiston provided an update on the 2010 Compact; which was submitted on time.
- A discussion was held on issues that will have an effect on the university's future budget: The loss of revenue when the MCTC moves off campus; the decrease in funding allocation from the state; and the termination of federal stimulus funds.
- The Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2010.
- Most faculty should have received the temporary salary increase beginning with their October paycheck.

Dr. Kopp requested time to speak about another issue discussed at the BOG meeting – the OPEB (Other Post Employee Benefits) liability which is an unfunded liability created by the program that permits state employees to convert, upon retirement, their sick leave to payment of health insurance premiums. Currently it is computed to be an \$8 billion liability to the state. Due to changes in accounting procedures this liability was transferred to the state entities which added a \$4.5 million liability to the university's budget and this figure will increase each year. There is no best practice on how to manage the liability which is shown on the audit as a large increase in the benefits column. He feels that the state should take responsibility for this liability.

8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)

A. Karen Mitchell (Minds of Marshall Academic Festival)

9. AGENDA REQUESTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

There were none.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sandra Prunty, Recording Secretary

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